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Atkinson-Judith Stern Public Service Award in 2006 to honor his service to the field of obesity and awarded him the Mickey Stunkard Lifetime Achievement Award for 2014. He has been consultant to the NIH, FDA, USDA, National Academy of Sciences, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Federal Trade Commission, and numerous companies and foundations. His interests are research, obesity policy and young investigator programs nationally and internationally. Recently, his research has focused on virus-induced obesity and he and colleagues demonstrated that human adenovirus 36 (Adv36) produces obesity in animals and is associated with obesity in humans. Dr. Atkinson has 200 publications and over 200 abstracts in the medical literature.